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COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT COUNTY-WIDE E-911 SYSTEM

## New Brockton council accepts county's offer to help on road repair

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

New Brockton's meeting of the town council lasted less than an hour Monday evening and consisted mostly of routine matters.

However, one haunting question did come up at the meeting - Byrd Mill Road. Hopefully, at least for the present, the problem has been solved.

After a brief discussion of the matter, the council agreed to accept the Coffee County Commission's proposal and ask them to grade the road.

At the last meeting of the county commission, commissioners agreed to "blade" the road, providing they were requested to do so by the New Brockton Town Council. This is to be a one-shot deal.

In the council's motion concerning the road, it was stated, "The

council is not placing the responsibility for the upkeep of the road on the county, and the town is not accepting any responsibility for the upkeep of the road, pending the outcome of an opinion request from the State of Alabama Attorney General's Office."

Tuesday morning, a letter, signed by Robert Miles, mayor pro tem, was sent to the commission requesting that the work be done on the road.

It also stated that the motion was made by the council in attempt to secure the safety of Byrd Mill Road residents and all other persons who might have reason to travel the road. Assistant Coffee County EMA Director Terry Wilkins addressed the council concerning the agency's effort to obtain E-911 for all of Coffee County. Presently, only the City of Enterprise has E-911.

Wilkins explained to the members of the council the benefits of the system and what is required to install it throughout the remainder of the county.

First, the citizens of the county have to vote on whether or not they want the system. A proposal, with the support of the municipalities within the county, to get the issue before the voters is presently before the county commission.

The estimated cost of the system to each resident of the county would be 78¢ added to their monthly phone bill. This would pay for the E-911 equipment and its installation.

The New Brockton Council voted unanimously to give its support to the implementing of E-911 for all of the county.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported the department's activities for the month of March. They consisted

of the following: officers issued 44 traffic citations, answered 17 complaints, investigated 3 accidents with no injuries, and made 7 arrests. He also noted that the rescue squad answered 12 calls and the fire department had one fire.

The consideration of franchise agreements with Covington Electric Cooperative and the Southeast Alabama Gas District was tabled, at the

request of the town's attorney, Joe Sawyer, until the next meeting.

Other items of business addressed by the council were as follows:

\*\*\*Paid monthly bills totaling \$22,607.38.

\*\*\*Approved the police chief's attending a law enforcement conference at a cost of \$135.00.

\*\*\*Increased the cost of building permits from \$2.25 to \$3.50 for the

first \$1,000; and from \$1.25 to \$3.00 for each additional \$1,000.

\*\*\*Building inspector fees were increased from \$15 to \$25 for commercial, and \$12.50 to \$20 for private.

\*\*\*R.P. Flowers was selected to serve as head manager for the up-

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## EMA Director enters commission race

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Coffee County's Emergency Management Agency director, Charles Webb, in a called press conference Monday morning, announced his candidacy for a seat on the Coffee County Commission.

"I am pleased to announce today, that I have qualified as a candidate for election to the Coffee County Commission, District 7," said Webb. He stated that he has been considering running for several years, and that he and his wife, Gloria, have finally decided the time is right to do so.

Bill Faulk, a Republican, currently holds the District 7 seat on the commission, and he has announced that he will not be seeking re-election.

Webb has qualified to run for the office on the Republican ticket. Charlene Goolsby, has also qualified to run for the District 7 seat as a Republican.

The EMA director has asked the county's EMA Board (which consists of the mayors from Elba, Enterprise, New Brockton, and Kinston, and the chairman of the Coffee County Commission) that he be placed on a leave of absence without pay.

Webb further requested that he be allowed to serve as an unpaid volunteer in the EMA. The board approved both his requests.

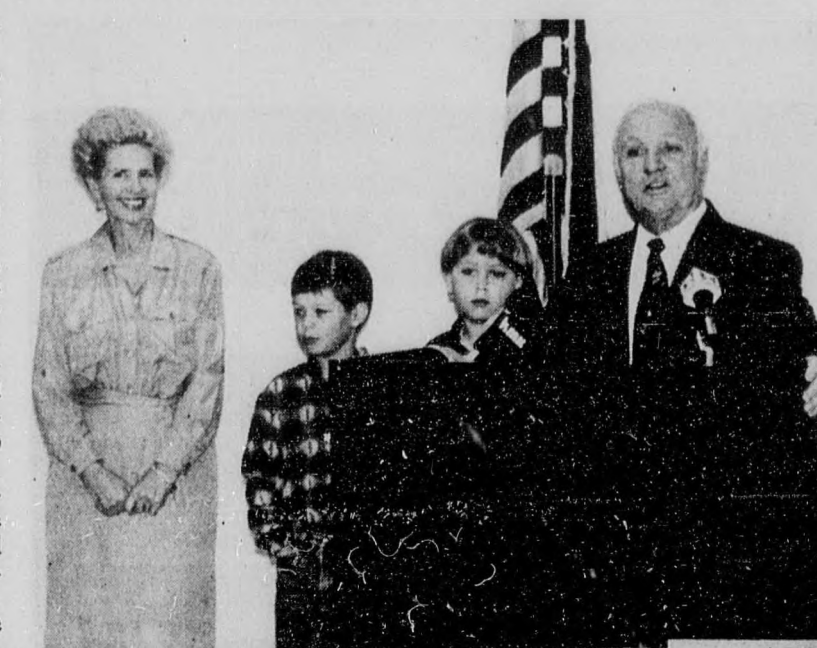
"I have the energy, motivation, and the time available to give it [service on the county commission] my best effort," said Webb.

"I believe that I am exceptionally well qualified to help lead Coffee County into the 21st Century," he said. "I have a lengthy background in leadership and management in both the military and the private non-profit sector, to include being responsible for multimillion dollar budgets funded by the taxpayer."

Webb pledged that when he is elected, he will do his best to insure that the taxpayers' funds are utilized wisely and efficiently.

One of Webb's goals would be to foster a close working relationship and on-going coordination between town, city and county governments.

"I will be an active commissioner," said Webb. "I do not believe in



SHOWING SUPPORT... as Charles Webb (right) announces his candidacy are: his wife, Gloria, (far left) and his two grandsons Forrest and Colin Vereen. Both young men stated that they would vote for their "Papa" if they were old enough to do so.

avoiding the tough issues. I do believe in making the tough decisions quickly (as soon as all the facts are available).

Webb was named as Coffee County's first EMA director shortly after the agency was formed in 1990.

Webb retired from the U.S. Army with the rank of colonel in 1987. He served on continuous active duty for almost 31 years. During his military career, Webb received numerous awards and decorations.

His final military assignment was at Ft. Rucker, where he served concurrently as Chief of Staff of the Army Aeromedical Center and Deputy Commander for Administration of Lyster Army Community Hospital.

## City receives refund from workmen comp insurance

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

The City of Elba recently received a workers compensation insurance premium refund in the amount of \$7,260.94.

The refund resulted from the city's excellent loss, or rather lack of loss, record. Elba's workers compensation coverage is provided by The Municipal Workers Compensation Fund, Inc.

This non-profit company is affiliated with the Alabama League of Municipalities and provides workers compensation insurance for most of the cities and towns in Alabama.

Officials stated that the City of Elba is to be commended in its efforts to provide a safe workplace for its employees.

After his retirement, Webb served on the administrative staff of Dothan's Southeast Alabama Medical Center through July 1990, when he became director of Coffee County's EMA.

Webb concluded his announcement with "I believe that I am the right man for the job!"

## Voters should update now

Alabamians whose names or addresses have changed should update their voter registration information immediately to avoid long lines at the polls on election day.

"The voting process goes faster and much smoother if the voter's name and address is correct on the voters' list at the polling place," Secretary of State Jim Bennett said.

Those with incorrect information will be asked to update when they vote. If many citizens have to update on election day, it could create lines and slow down voting for everyone.

Secretary Bennett, the chief elections official for administering the federal "Motor Voter" law reminds those who have not yet registered to vote that they may do so at a variety of public places including offices issuing driver's licenses, libraries, colleges, and government agencies such as Medicaid, WIC, Department of Human Resources, and Department of Rehabilitation Services.

For update forms or further information, contact your local board of registrars at 694-5347, 466 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351.

## Democrats & Republicans continue to qualify

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Candidates from both the Democratic and Republican parties continue to qualify to run in the upcoming primary.

At press time, twenty-one individuals have qualified to run in the commission, county school board, revenue commissioner, and constable races.

Both the Republican and Democratic primaries are set for Tuesday, June 4, 1996. The deadline for qualifying to run in either of these primaries is 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 1996.

No one has qualified, as a Democrat, for commissioner in District 6.

County School Board District 1 -

Candidates must return qualifying forms to their respective political affiliation chairpersons and also to the probate offices in either Elba or Enterprise.

The following is a list of Democratic candidates qualifying:

Commissioner District 1 - Wendell Black (incumbent).

Commissioner District 2 - Douglas Pittman.

Commissioner District 3 - Robert Stephens (incumbent).

Commissioner District 4 - Jack Hanson (incumbent).

Commissioner District 5 - Bernest Brooks (incumbent).

Commissioner District 7 - B. J. Cardwell.

No one has qualified, as a Democrat, for commissioner in District 6.

County School Board District 1 -

Charles Walker, Caridon Grant, and Ken English.

No one has qualified, as a Democrat, to run for the District 7 seat on the county school board. These two seats are the only ones up for election this year.

Beat 6 Constable - Donnie Farris.

Beat 7 Constable - Robert Preachers.

Beat 8 - Terry Wilkins.

Beat 15 - Ted Rugg.

All constable positions are up for election. Each beat in the county has a constable.

The following candidates have qualified on the Republican ticket:

Commissioner District 2 - Donald Kayo Lewis.

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## Alabama State Troopers propose new speed limit law to Legislature

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Rather than wait on Alabama lawmakers, the Department of Public Safety plans to present its own proposal to raise speed limits during the current legislative session.

"If we don't come up with our own bill, we might get a higher speed limit," said Col. Gene Mitchell, Director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

Since Congress restored the rights of the states to set highway speed limits, the Legislature has discussed raising the speed limit to 75 mph.

The department's plan would raise the speed limit to 70 mph along interstate highways, 65 mph on other

four-lane roads with divided medians, and 55 mph on two-lane roads," Mitchell said.

Any proposed increase will be weighed against the potential for increased traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities according to the director.

"Our high fatality rates come on rural two-lane roads when two vehicles collide head-on," said Mitchell. "I don't think this is going to hurt us that much. The general traffic flow is already running about 70 mph now."

The current interstate speed limit is 65 mph. It is 55 mph on other highways, and drops inside city limits.

## HAPPENINGS

**COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, April 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex at New Brockton.

**EHS BAND DAY.** The Elba High School Marching Band has scheduled Band Day '96 for Saturday, April 13. This year the event will be held downtown on the Courthouse Square.

**FIVE STAR VFD BARBECUE.** The Five Star Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a pork bar-b-que on Saturday, April 13, 1996, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the fire department located on AL Hwy. 125. The cost is \$4.50 per plate.

**PARENTS' NIGHT AT EHS.** Elba High School will have a meeting of students and their parents April 16, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. This meeting will address curriculum, block scheduling, credits for graduation, advanced and general diplomas, and new graduation requirements set forth by the State Department of Education. Due to new graduation requirements, this meeting will be very important for parents to attend. Ninth grade students, next school year, will be required to graduate under these new requirements.

**MISS ELBA PAGEANT.** The Little Miss/Junior Miss/Miss Elba Beauty Pageant, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 1996, at the Elba High School Auditorium. The Little Miss Pageant will be at 3:00 p.m., with the Junior Miss and Miss Elba Pageant to begin at 7:00 p.m.



HELPING HANDS...The organization known as Helping Hands recently presented two thermo scan thermometers to the Elba Nursing Home. Helping Hands is a non-profit Christian organization located at 110 North Main Street (next door to Bryans-Warren Drug Store) in Enterprise. The thrift store is operated solely with contributions and donations made by individuals and businesses. All of the store's income, over operating expenses, has been given, in some manner, to worthy organizations such as the nursing homes in both Elba and Enterprise. Everyone involved with the organization is a volunteer. Pictured above making the presentation are (l-r): Fumiko Flowers, Helping Hands; Brett Cunningham, Director of Social Services at Elba Nursing Home; Sharon Jones, RN at ENH; Madge Jones, Helping Hands; and Ouida Crosby, Helping Hands.

## Time Changes Sunday

It's time to turn your clocks FORWARD again this Sunday, April 7, 1996.

Daylight Saving Time officially begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning, but it's safer to turn them back before going to bed Saturday night, so as not to be late for your Easter Sunday activities.





## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

What is considered a "Usually Reliable Source" reports city council member Earl McCollough was a bit upset with his wife last Wednesday night. He had driven the whole family to Montgomery for rodeo activities. The children (as all children are) were hungry and he stopped at a fast food restaurant for everyone - that reads e-v-e-r-y-o-n-e to get some supper. If our report is true, wife Pam declined to eat and when Earl goes to investigate ... there sits Pam reading *The Elba Clipper*. Our only comment is, "Well done, Pam." It ain't often we get one up on Earl McCollough, but maybe our fortunes have turned.

The time changes at midnight Saturday. This rolling forward of the clock one hour will be especially hard on anyone planning to attend Easter Sunrise Services Sunday morning. The services at true sunrise are very impressive ... but then sunrise in this part of the country is impressive anytime. We do wish people could fully understand that just watching daybreak and sunrise, listening to the birds start their day with a burst of song and the animals coming out of their hiding places for the first time ... all that is great therapy for mind and body. Add to this beautiful scene an impressive religious service and Christians attending Easter Sunrise Services will feel a lot closer to God.

Yep! The word folks are getting when they call city hall for dirt is that because of Ferrin Cox they are now having to sell their dirt! Of course that ain't legal either, but it indicates that at least someone is apparently taking a little heat for these clearly wrong deeds. Maybe one day someone will put a stop to it.

We suspect that several folks around Elba city hall are watching with their fingers crossed for the Ethics Commission ruling on Houston County Commission chairman's use of public owned generators during Hurricane Opal. Robert Crowder is a class act and has been good for Houston County, but odds are he will not have those two generators brought to his home and store during the next power outage. We don't expect the ethics commission to do more than slap his wrists, at most, over the matter, but several City of Elba employees and elected officials will sleep better once they know that for sure, "cause reports from city employees are that several felt their homes needed the city owned units more than the city did during Hurricane Opal.

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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

MAR. 26, 1996 Thru APR. 1, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, March 26, 1996, investigated the following incidents: two thefts of property, four assaults, two burglaries, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, three criminal, mischiefs, one disorderly conduct, one VPL, one DUI, one harassing communication, and one menacing.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: two for possession of a forged instrument, four for negotiation of a worthless negotiable instrument, one for theft of property, one for assault, one for disorderly conduct, one for resisting arrest, and one for VPL.

The following traffic citations were issued during the week: five for speeding and three for DUI.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26** - River stage - 11.93 feet (6:00 a.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs deer) on Hickman Ave. (6:41 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Simmons St. (9:17 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Farris St. (1:54 p.m.); Fight reported in Mulberry Heights (10:06 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27** - River stage - 9.48 feet (6:00 a.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) at Tootie Bug's (5:42 p.m.); Routine activity.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28** - House trailer fire on Thomas St. - fire and rescue units dispatched (6:00 a.m.); River stage - 13.60 (7:18 a.m.); Rescue run to Kendrick Apts. (12:31 p.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (6:10 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 875 (6:51 p.m.); Prowler reported in Kennedy Estates (10:38 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29** - River stage - 11.69 feet (6:01 a.m.); Rescue run to Mullins Apts. (6:50 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Powell's Trailer Court (7:39 p.m.); Alarm at The Jewel Box (8:00 p.m.); Fight reported at the intersection of AL Hwy. 203 and AL Hwy. 189 (8:59 p.m.).

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VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri - 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-2858  
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The program is for low-income applicants. Since income limits vary by county, Fenn can help applicants determine if they are within the income limits and meet other eligible requirements.

"RECD does not compete with the efforts of commercial lenders, but rather offers a program to supplement regular credit sources," he said.

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### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of March 26, 1996 through April 1, 1996.

They were: Gage Burlison, Heath Burlison, Christopher Gay, Daisy Rhoades, William Hooks, Acie McKenzie, Rosie Jackson, Henry Chestnut, Annie Burch, Curtis Spurlin, Cynthia Lewis, Marvin Lindsey, Vera Calhoun, Alma Morrow, and Mildred Williams.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Mia Taylor, Thomas Smith, Donna Musgrove, Daisy Rhoades, Albert Wood, Bonnie Johnson, Annie Burch, William Hooks, Acie McKenzie, Gage Burlison, Heath Burlison, Christopher Gay, and Henry Chestnut.

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GIRL SCOUTS HONORED RECENTLY... The Elba United Methodist Church served as host to the Girl Scouts of Elba on Sunday, March 17 in observation of Girl Scout Sunday. In attendance were members of Brownie Troop #256 and their leaders, Jennifer Brunson and Anita Grimes, and Senior Girl Scout Troop #300 and their advisor, Jo Ann Cannon. Reverend Alton Moore recognized the Girl Scouts and presented them to the congregation. Wyndi Baker, Destiny Brown, and Melissa Benbow spoke about their experiences in Girl Scouting while Bonnie Vaughan and Elizabeth Stephens acted as ushers. Reese Grantham, flutist, accompanied the choir in the rendition of "They Shall Soar Like Eagles" by Mango. After the service, Reverend Moore invited the leaders to stand with him in the narthex so they might be greeted by the congregation. Pictured above are: (back row, l to r) Melissa Benbow, Brandy Farris, Shea Free, Misty Kelley, Marsha Mauldin, Bonnie Vaughan, Erin Vignola, and Anna Head; (middle row, l to r) Angie Parrish, Elizabeth Stephens, Anna Spinks, Sasha Kidd, Destiny Brown, Wyndi Baker, and Reese Grantham; (front row, l to r) Traci Spinks, Kristi Spinks, Ashton Grimes, and Allison Brunson.

## AREA DEATHS

### JAMES DIXON LUNSFORD SR.

James Dixon Lunsford Sr., age 76 of Elba, Alabama, died Friday, March 29, 1996 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 1, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Barr and Rev. Aaron Golden officiating.

Burial followed in the Damascus Baptist Church Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Lunsford of Elba, AL; two daughters, Nancy Vise of New Brockton, AL and Melissa Holley of Samson, AL; one son, James D. (Dickie) Lunsford of Elba, AL; two grandchildren.

### MAYE B. FARRIS

Maye B. Farris, age 99 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996 in an Elba, AL nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 29, 1996 from the Elba United Methodist Church with Rev. Al Moore officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Myrtle Sellers of Elba, AL and Betty Georgia, next to his son, Chris D. Ann Spencer of Orlando, Florida; a brother, Randolph Crosby of Elba, AL; 12 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild.

### CLEMMIE D. ARMSTRONG

Clemmie D. Armstrong, age 71 of Brantley, Alabama, died Friday, March 29, 1996 in Crenshaw Baptist Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 31, 1996 from Friendship Baptist Church of the Bullock community with Rev. James Adcock officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred Louise Armstrong of Brantley, AL; two sons, James Melvin Armstrong of Brantley, AL and Danny Armstrong of Enterprise, AL; one brother, Clinton Armstrong of New Port News, Virginia; 9 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren.

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Dear Editor,  
I'm a DARE student from the 6th grade at Elba Elementary School. I would like to tell you about what my DARE officer Johnny Senn taught me. We have just learned about risks. Risk means to take a chance. This means you have to weigh out the consequences, good and bad. We also learned about media, and the differences of public service announcements and advertisements. Public service announcements are like these, "Buckle Up America", "Don't Drink and Drive", and "DARE Keep Kids Off Drugs". Advertisements are commercials or billboards that advertise things like beer, cigarettes, and food advertisements. That's all for now.  
Sincerely,  
Brandy Davis



Paul Dykes

## Dykes receives promotion at SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County

Ted Roberts, CEO-SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County, announces the promotion of Paul Dykes to Senior Vice President. Dykes is employed in the dual capacity of Branch Manager/Loan Officer of the Downtown and Westgate Enterprise Branches. Additional responsibilities include Church Outreach Program Coordinator and Billing Services Coordinator.

Mr. Dykes, a native and life long resident of Enterprise, has 25 years of banking experience. He holds an Associate of Arts Degree from ESJC and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business-Marketing from Troy State University; and has been the recipient of many awards throughout his career, including Enterprise Man of the Year. Currently, Dykes is a member of the Enterprise Lions Club and holds the office of treasurer for the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Enterprise Homebuilders Association.

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## IN COFFEE COUNTY

## National Health Week Celebrated

by Anne Edwards  
Public Relations Representative  
Coffee County Health Department

During the week of April 1-5, 1996 health officials of the Coffee County Health Department are showcasing their many accomplishments in protecting the health of Coffee County citizens, with an open house, as part of this year's National Public Health Week.

"This is a wonderful way to remind people of the important role public health plays in protecting our health every single day," says Kenneth Ball, administrator. "For example, public health ensures that our water is clean, our food supply is safe, our homes are safe from toxic hazards, and diseases are kept under control."

**Environmental Health**  
The Department of Public Health ensures standards in several environmental and health related services that are to protect the public from injury and the spread of disease. These health protection activities include providing public information, professional training and certification, permitting, licensing, inspections, complaint investigations and health regulation enforcement in several areas including food and lodging protection, insect and animal nuisances that can transmit disease to humans.

On-site sewage disposal systems, regulatory responsibilities cover septic tanks for rural/subdivision housing and for public facilities. Health Department environmentalists also handle calls about bacterial contamination and sampling of individual residential wells.

**Home Health**  
The Coffee County Health Department Home Health team made 75,803 visits within the past 12 months.

The team provides professional health care in the privacy of the home, regardless of income. Services are available to anyone who has need of it, on an intermittent basis, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

## Dixie Echos to sing in Enterprise

The Dixie Echos will be in concert of Southern Gospel, Hymns, Spirituals and Country Gospel music on Friday, April 12th at 7 p.m. at Enterprise First Assembly. The church is located on 84 bypass, across from Wal-Mart. A nursery will be provided.

To be eligible the patient must be essentially homebound, under the care of a physician and in need of some type of skilled care. Referrals may be made by the physician, a family member, a neighbor or the patient by calling (334) 347-9574 Ext. 277.

## Adult Health Day Care Center for Those 18 Years Old &amp; Above

The Coffee County Health Department has two day care centers for the elderly and moderately handicapped. One in Elba, 128 N. Court St., phone (334) 897-3151. The Enterprise Center is located at 106 Douglas Brown Circle, phone (334) 393-7919. The fee is \$15.00 per day private pay and includes one hot meal, 2 snacks and transportation when needed. Some fees can be handled by DHR or SARCOA. (These payments are based on income) Anyone in Coffee County or surrounding counties is eligible to use this service. Clients may come on a daily basis, Monday-Friday while the family works or on an hourly, as needed, basis.

**Clinics**  
During the past 12 months the Coffee County Health Department clinic staff gave 1,200 immunizations, 1,380 pap tests, 2,000 flu shots. There were 7,800 WIC Nutrition visits, 720 child health visits and 820 maternity visits.

Maternity clinics provide health care during pregnancy. This includes regular checkups and information on proper diet, exercise, and how to stop smoking, drinking and drug abuse.

Nutrition services are available through the WIC program. Nutritious food and nutrition education services are free to limited income pregnant, breast feeding, and postpartum women; infants and children up to age five who qualify.

HIV/AIDS other sexually transmitted disease clinic provides confidential information, testing and counseling. For more information call the Alabama Hotline at 1-800-228-0469.

Family Planning clinic provides birth control information, medical exams and supplies. Also, family planning methods, counseling and education.

Health care for individuals from birth to age 21 is offered through the Well-Child and EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment) programs.

Tuberculosis clinic provides testing, medication and assistance in finding additional care.

Diabetes clinics are located in four strategically located counties at 897-5016.

Throughout the state in Houston, Montgomery, Jefferson and Mobile counties. Counseling, information and educational materials as well as screening for high risk groups is available.

## Vital Record Services

Certified copies of birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates may be obtained from your county health department in less than half an hour for Alabama vital records. Fees for this service will remain at \$12 for the first copy and \$4 for each additional copy ordered at the same time.

The Coffee County Health Department is located at the intersection of Troy Highway 167 N. (of Enterprise) and County Road 700.

The Adult Day Care Centers address and phone numbers are listed above.

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## County Schools

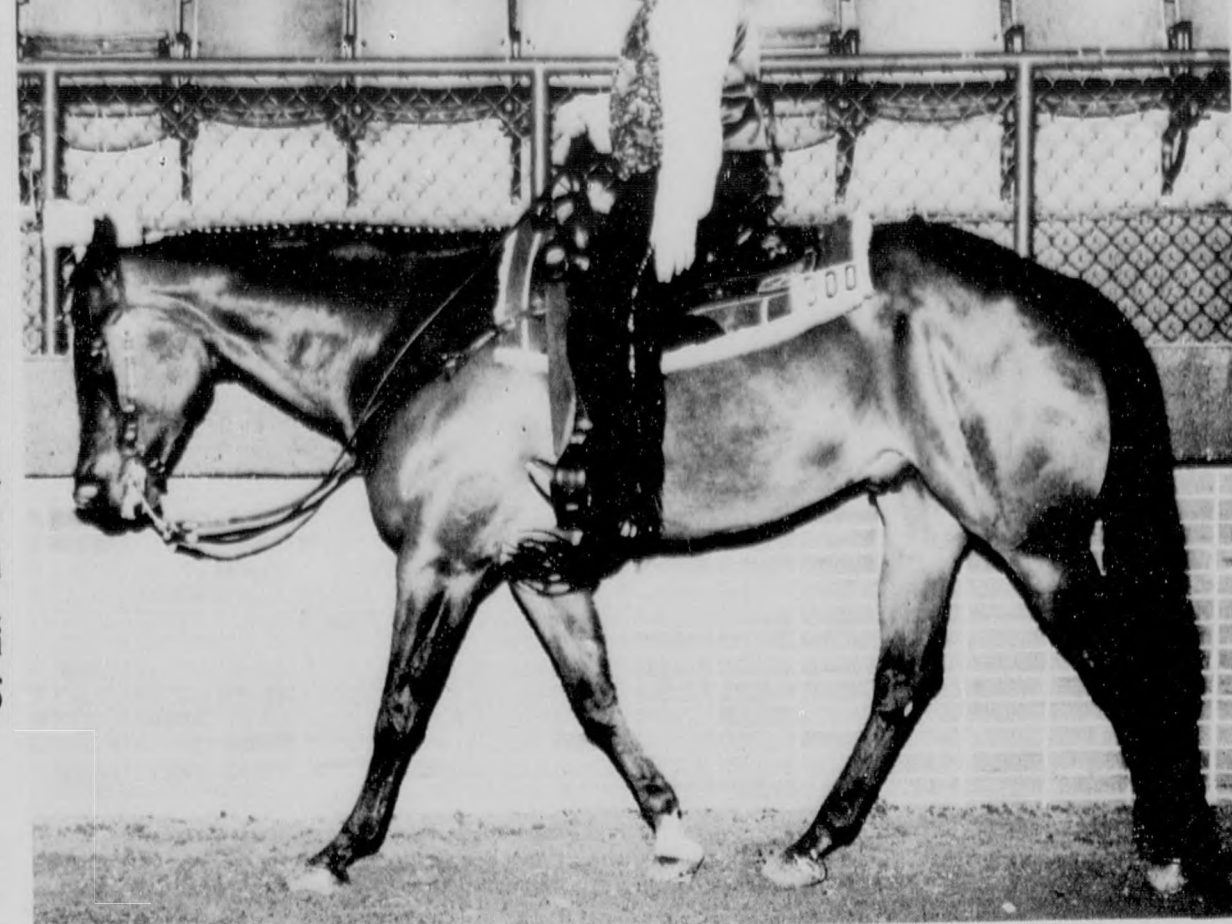
## Set Kindergarten Registration Dates

Registration for all children entering kindergarten in August, 1996 in the Coffee County School System, will be held Wednesday, April 24, 1996. Children may be registered between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Kinross, New Brockton, and Zion Chapel Elementary Schools.

To enter kindergarten in August, 1996, a child must be five (5) years old on or before September 2, 1996. A birth certificate and social security card will be required for registration.

Alabama law requires that all children entering school at age 6 must have a certificate of immunization from a doctor or County Health Department. In addition to the certificate of immunization, students entering kindergarten must also present a certificate of measles immunity (Form IMM-90) to the school. The IMM-90 form is evidence of a second dose of measles vaccine.

The Coffee County School System provides services for handicapped pre-school children ages 3-5. For more information regarding kindergarten or first grade registration please call: Kinross Elementary School at 865-3027; New Brockton Elementary School at 894-6152; Zion Chapel Elementary School at 897-6802; Superintendent's Office at 897-5016.



ELBA GIRL WINS IN MONTGOMERY HORSE SHOW...Diana Jackson recently participated in the Southeast Livestock Exposition Circuit in Montgomery, Alabama. This is one of the biggest shows held in the United States. Diana placed 1st, 2nd, 4th (with), 5th, and 9th in halter and performance classes with her registered quarter horse, Heza Lonely Beat.

## CEC annual membership meeting is planned for Thursday, April 4th

Plans have been completed for the 1996 membership meeting of Covington Electric Cooperative which will be held on Thursday, April 4, at the Andalusia Kiwanis Fair building. The meeting, which was previously held at the Andalusia football stadium, will be held at the Andalusia Kiwanis Fair building this year.

Registration of members will begin at 3:00 p.m. Entertainment starts at about 5:00 p.m. and the business session at 7:00 p.m.

A large attendance is expected for the meeting which will include transaction of business, free entertainment, and the awarding of attendance prizes. Major attendance prizes this year will be a 1990 Dodge Caravan SE, a microwave oven, a videocassette recorder, a 20-inch color television, an electric grill with roaster, and \$100 cash. About 30 other valuable prizes will also be awarded.

Entertainment at this year's meeting will be provided by The Inspiration, a Southern mountain-style gospel music group.

During the important business session, a brief report on operations of the cooperative will be presented, and two members will be elected to three-year terms on the board of trustees to represent Districts 5 and 6.

Nominees named by the nominating committee to be voted on for possible election to the board are: District 5, Martin Moates and James P. Martin, Jr., both of Enterprise; and District 6, Mrs. Hoyt A. Childs.

Larry Warren is aboard the USS Enterprise.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Larry Warren, son of Donnie and Robert Bowland of Brantley, AL, recently reported for duty aboard the USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

The 1992 graduate of Crenshaw Christian Academy of Luverne, AL, joined the Navy in July 1993.

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**ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. John W. McCrumm  
Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m







## Views From....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Dusting off the desk after a slow week in sports....

\*The Elba Tigers baseball team will find out in a hurry just what kind of team it has next week when it plays six games in a seven day span against some of the toughest teams on its schedule. The Tigers will begin the long week of work Saturday afternoon against Brantley, and during the next six days will battle area opponents Luverne and Louisville, as well as 5A powers Greenville and Opp, not to mention 1A state champ G.W. Long. If the Elba pitching staff comes through, the Tigers could just emerge from the marathon as a team filled with confidence and one ready to make a run at a state title. Only time will tell!

\*The second annual Sweet Swingers Softball Classic will be held April 12-13 at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba, with a total of 18 teams competing for the titles in the event's two divisions. New Brockton, UMS-Wright and G.W. Long should be favorites in the 1A-3A division, while in the 4A-6A ranks look for Baker, of Mobile, to be the top entry, while Opp and Andalusia will also have teams to watch. The tournament is already one of the top high school events in South Alabama, and area softball fans should make plans to come out and watch some of the action.

\*The player drafts have been held in all eight youth leagues and that means the season can't be far behind. This year's early-season schedule will be a little different due to testing at the schools; however, when the league gets started, it looks like one of the busiest summers ever for recreation in Elba.

\*Two summers ago the men's softball league in Elba was non-existent, but it now looks like the men are coming back, since a total of seven teams are in the league this year. Hawkins-Williams Park was built for adult softball; however, the youth activities had totally taken over the complex in recent years. It is good to see the men coming back to the game, and maybe before long the women will also get back in the swing of things.

\*The SEC may not have gotten its wish to have all four teams in this year's championship games, but three out of four certainly is not bad. Other conferences get more publicity than the SEC and are called "the best" by the so-called experts; however, it is only because the teams in the SEC are from small market areas and don't draw nationwide attention. Maybe now everyone will sit up and realize just what kind of athletes compete in the SEC, in all sports!

## 18 high school teams to compete

## Sweet Swingers tourney April 12-13

Hawkins-Williams Park will be the place to be on Friday and Saturday, April 12-13, when a total of eighteen high school softball teams from across South Alabama converge to do battle in the second annual "Sweet Swingers Softball Classic."

The tournament is sponsored by the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation. All-Star Sports and Graphics and English Diversified Products, and will feature play in a 1A-3A division, and a 4A-6A division.

Team trophies and individual t-shirts will be presented to the winning teams in both divisions, and team trophies also being presented to the second, third and fourth place teams in both divisions.

"We began the tournament last spring to give the high school teams a chance to get in some extra games," stated Elba Recreation Director Ricky Mularz, "and also give the teams a chance to play teams they might not see during the regu-

lar season. This year we have a total of eighteen teams in the two divisions, and should have a very competitive event in both divisions."

Teams competing in the 1A-3A division include Elba, Elba JV, New Brockton, Kinston, Brantley, G.W. Long, Highland Home, Geneva County, Samson, Goshen, Baker JV and UMS-Wright.

Competing in the 4A-6A division will be Charles Henderson, Opp, Andalusia, Baker, T.R. Miller and Pike County.

"The teams in the 1A-3A tournament will play a straight double-elimination event," said Mularz, "while teams in the 4A-6A tournament will play two games in a round-robin format and then compete in a single-elimination event. There are six games on tap for Friday night and twenty-nine games set for Saturday throughout the day."

"New Brockton won a Goshen team the chance to play teams they might not see during the regu-

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## Sports

## Play six games in seven day span

## Tigers get ready for non-stop action

The Elba Tigers carried a three-game winning streak into the spring break and will be looking to continue their winning ways next week as they play a total of six games in seven days, including two key Area 4 match-ups.

"Before the season started we were worried about this upcoming stretch of games," said Elba's Coach David Lowery. "We were still looking for pitchers and didn't know what would happen, but we feel like we have found three solid pitchers in Brian Glover, Brian Rowe and Jody Johnson, and also believe that we have some other players that can give us some help on the mound, and don't dread the stretch quite so bad."

The Tigers' six-game stretch will begin on Saturday, April 6, when they travel to Brantley, and after one day off, will hit the field five straight days as they battle Luverne, Greenville, Opp, Louisville and G.W. Long.

"The six games will all be tough," added Lowery. "Brantley has a talented team with a lot of athletes, while Luverne won the area last year and may have its best team in years. Greenville has already beaten us once this season and Opp always has one of the best 5A teams in the state. Louisville beat us last year and has made big strides with its program, and G.W. Long is the defending state champs in Class 1A. There's not a breather

on the schedule next week, and we'll have to be ready to play our best every time we hit the field or our record, and our area championship hopes, could take a big dive."

Brian Glover has been the savior on the mound for the Tigers, as the senior has allowed only four hits in 10 innings of work, while striking out nine batters and allowing only two walks.

Leading the way at the plate

have been Chris Tyson, Todd McKee, Leray Smedley and Derek Marler.

"The season is young and we have a long way to go in a short period of time," stated Lowery. "Our goal is always to win the area and make a run in the playoffs, and we'll find out next week if this team can do what it takes to reach those goals."

The Faculty Spotlight this week is on Mrs. Amanda Thrasher. She has been a

brarian at New Brockton High School and New Brockton Elementary since 1994.

Mrs. Thrasher graduated from Athens State College. Before coming to New Brockton, she taught at Cold Springs High School in Cullman County.

When asked what she enjoys most about New Brockton, she replied, "I enjoy the younger students' excitement about books and reading."

Mrs. Thrasher is currently attending Auburn University pursuing her Master's Degree in Library Science.

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## Socials Notes

### Miss Williamson & Mr. Wood plan May wedding.



Mr. Wood &amp; Miss Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Elkin Williamson would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonya Denise Williamson, to Freddie Eugene Wood, Jr., the son of Mr. Freddie Wood Sr. of Tuskegee, and Ms. Martha Kelley of Eufrasia.

Miss Williamson's grandparents are Mr. Shelby Williamson and Ms. Annie Pearl Skipper and Mr. Burton Bryant and the late Mrs. Fannie Foster Bryant.

The bride-elect is employed with the State of Alabama Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation in Montgomery.

Mr. Wood's grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wood and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelley. The prospective bride-groom is employed with Montgomery Airport Authority as a police officer at Dannelly Municipal Airport in Montgomery, AL.

The wedding will be May 11, 1996 at Newbia Baptist Church. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

**Twentieth Century Study Club holds March meeting**  
The Twentieth Century Study Club met March 14, 1996 at the Elba Public Library with Mrs. Treva Driscoll and Mrs. Judy Eastburn as hostesses.

The president, Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, called the meeting to order and led the members in the reading of the club's Collect. The secretary, Mrs. Debra Samuel, called the roll and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The club voted to give a donation to the Coffee County CHINS-UP program and to the Bird Sanctuary that will be developed on the campus of Elba High School.

The program, a trip to North Africa, was presented by Mrs. Doris Cooper. She shared interesting slides and memorabilia while telling of her trip through Morocco, beginning with the Atlantic seacoast, then traveling south over the Atlas Mountains and down to the edge of the Sahara Desert. All imperial cities were visited as well as many small remote villages, including the area where Hil-dreth Cooper had managed a Wildlife Reserve during his three years with the Peace Corps. Mrs. Cooper's program was very enjoyable and entertaining.



Tony Doling

**Tony Doling celebrates third birthday**

Tony Doling celebrated his third birthday on March 27th with a Power Ranger party at the home of his parents, Charles and Martha Doling of Elba, AL. Helping celebrate were his sister, Kristen, and brothers, Shaun and Matthew. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carvis Quattlebaum of Ashford, AL, and Betty Gainer of St. Marys, GA.

### Kennedy-Powell wedding held December 30th

In a candlelight ceremony of tradition and elegance, Julie Ann Powell and Patrick Edward Kennedy were united in marriage. Reverend Kenneth Odom conducted the double ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church of Florida on Saturday, December 30, 1995 at 4:00 p.m.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Powell, Sr. of Andalusia. The groom is the son of Ret. Msgr. and Mrs. Edward Dean Kennedy of Panama City, Florida.

Nuptial music was provided by organist Mrs. Diane Jones of Crestview, Florida. The wedding was directed by Mrs. Clara Pittman of Florida.

Red bows and garland led up to the entrance of the church. The doors were adorned with traditional Christmas wreaths. Miss Shauna Johnson and Mrs. Tiffany Reeves, friends of the bride, presided at the registry table.

The sanctuary of the church was beautifully decorated with a 15-branch candelabra being the focal point. A large gold wreath hung above the candelabra with garland draped to each side of the altar. Two spiral candelabras intertwined with ivy added the finishing touch. The windows were decorated with large red candles surrounded with holly.

Paul E. Powell, Jr., brother of the bride, and Michael W.C. Miller, friend of the groom, assisted the mothers of the bride and groom in lighting the unity candle, after lighting the candelabras.

After the seating of the mothers and grandmothers, Mr. Kelly Ross of Mobile, sang "Make Us One". Miss Emily Donaldson of Andalusia and Mr. Heath Morris of Birmingham sang "The Wedding Song (There Is Love)". "Only God Could Love You More", "The Lord's Prayer".

The bride entered the sanctuary to Wagner's "Wedding March" and was given in marriage by her father. She was radiant in her gown of white satin. The fitted bodice was overlaid with beaded lace with miniature pearls and iridescence coming to a point below her waist. Her gown also featured a sweetheart neckline.

Pearls and scalloped lace on the fitted sleeves came to a point on her wrist. The full skirt was accented with a cathedral length train. The train fell beautifully with sequins and pearls along with a scalloped lace border.

The veil was a fingertip length of silk illusion which fell from a floral wreath of silk roses, pearls, and sequins. She wore pearl earrings which were given to her by the groom.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white roses, red roses, lilies, and baby's breath with a touch of ivy. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Paula Collins of Montgomery and Mrs. Tracy Overstreet of Grove Hill, served their sister as matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Deanna Leigh Kennedy of Panama City, sister of the groom; Mrs. Christina Ford Sweet of Pensacola, FL; Miss Jennifer Torres of Stodghill of Montgomery; Miss Christina Michelle Bantz of Ocala, FL; Miss Betsy Suzanne Prior and Miss Laura Frances Prior of Opp, cousins of the bride.

The bridesmaids wore two-piece suits made of red crepe that were full-length. They wore pearl drop earrings with sequin accents which were given to them by the bride.

The bridesmaids carried long-stemmed white roses with baby's breath and greenery. Miss Kayla Madala Francis of Panama City, FL, cousin of the groom, served as flower girl. She wore a tea-length white satin dress with puff sleeves and white roses. She carried a white basket filled with white roses petals and accented with red roses. Master Joseph Ivin Powell, Jr., of Andalusia, cousin of the bride, served as the ring bearer.

Ret. Msgr. Edward Dean Kennedy, father of the groom, and Mr. Timothy Keith Sweezy of Jacksonville, FL, served as best men. Groomsmen were Paul Edwin Powell, Jr. of Andalusia, brother of the bride; John Daniel Marshall of Birmingham; Ashley Dean Aaron of Selma; Michael William Carl Miller, Walter Kyle Evans, and Shawn Jeffrey Wolfe, all of Panama City, FL.

The groom wore a black Pierre Cardin tuxedo with white vest and bow tie. The groomsmen, father of the bride, and ring bearer wore black Pierre Cardin tuxedos with white cummerbunds and bow ties. They wore boutonnières of white roses and white carnations.

The mother of the bride chose a periwinkle full-length fitted dress with a sequin bodice and matching shoes. The mother of the groom wore an emerald tea-length dress with satin trim and matching shoes.

The bride's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Wilton Bryan of Elba, wore a turquoise two-piece suit with sequin trim. The groom's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Jim Flinders of Lynn Haven, FL, chose a light green dress with matching shoes.

**Reception**  
Immediately following the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception in the fellowship hall. The food tables were all covered with black linen cloths with white Battenburg cloth overlays. The center of attention was the bride's cake topped with red poinsettias and holly.



Mr. &amp; Mrs. Patrick Edward Kennedy

Greenery and poinsettias surrounded the fountain underneath the cake. The groom's table held a double layer chocolate cake decorated with various fruits and the initial "K". Pictures of the groom were displayed on the groom's table.

Guests were served festive Christmas punch from a silver punch fountain. Guests also enjoyed hors d'oeuvres of barbecued pork, pickled shrimp, croissants, various sandwiches, chicken, fruit and vegetable trays, and other finger foods. Centering the food tables was an arrangement of poinsettias, pine, and ivy.

The couple's gift table was flanked by a large framed picture of the bride in her wedding gown. A slice presentation of the bride and groom through the years was enjoyed by all the guests.

Miss Chastity Perdue of Auburn and Miss Debbie Sutton of Troy served at the bride's table. Mrs. Mary Ann Wise of Birmingham assisted at the groom's table. Mrs. Tiffany Reeves and Miss Shauna Johnson, both of Laurel Hill, FL, assisted at the punch fountain.

The reception was directed by Mrs. Sandra Bryan Prior of Opp, who was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Overstreet, Mrs. Dorothy Daughtry, Mrs. Shawneen Hogg, and Mrs. Genevieve Borho.

Miss Rachael Nicole Powell, cousin of the bride, passed out the you scrolls. Also, Miss Kelly Ann Powell and Miss Rebecca Prudence Powell, cousins of the bride, passed out birdseed bags.

After a honeymoon trip to the island of Hawaii, the couple resides in Birmingham.

**Reception Dinner**  
On Friday evening, December 29, immediately after the wedding rehearsal, Ret. Msgr. and Mrs. Edward Dean Kennedy entertained the wedding party at the Andalusia Country Club. A menu of chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, string beans, salad, and rolls was served. Chocolate mousse pie was served for dessert.

The bride and groom chose this time to present the wedding party with gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Collins entertained with a slide presentation along with selected music. The slides were of the couple from early childhood to present day. This was a pleasant surprise to the bride and groom.

**Pre-Nuptial Parties**  
An engagement party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Powell, Sr., parents of the bride, in honor of the couple on October 14. Barbecue and the trimmings were enjoyed by the guests. A beautiful cake decorated with red roses was served.

A lingerie shower was given at the home of Mrs. Paula Collins in Montgomery on November 11. Hostesses were Mrs. Paula Collins and Mrs. Tracy Overstreet. Hors d'oeuvres of sandwiches, cheese straws, chocolate covered strawberries, white chocolate covered pretzels, vegetable tray, punch, and cake was served.

On November 25, Ret. Msgr. and Mrs. Edward D. Kennedy, parents of the groom, honored the couple with an engagement party at their home in Panama City, FL. Hors d'oeuvres were served before dinner. Rob, steak, ribs, chicken, corn on the cob, cole slaw, potato salad, dinner rolls, and cake were served for dinner.

The wedding will be an event at Westgate Church of Christ, Dothan, AL, Saturday, May 18, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. All relatives and friends are invited.

The groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William I. English of Elba, AL and Mrs. Herbert Holloway, Sr. and the late Mr. Herbert Holloway, Sr. of Elba, AL.

He is a graduate of Elba High School, Dothan, AL. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He is employed with Personnel Resources as a management consultant.

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## Socials Notes



Miss Granberry

### Miss Granberry and Mr. English announce May wedding plans

Mr. Kevin Granberry and Mrs. Ruth K. Granberry of Dothan, AL, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristi Lea, to Christopher Robert English of Panama City, FL.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Howard Granberry and the late Mr. Howard Granberry of Dothan, AL, and Mr. and Mrs. Ethel Kilgore of Enon, AL.

She is a graduate of Northview High School in Dothan, AL. She attended Wallace College and Troy State University in Dothan.

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### Jennifer Leigh Smith inducted into Phi Eta Sigma recently

Jennifer Leigh Smith of Smiths, AL, has been selected for induction into the Campbell University Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society for freshmen.

The principle purpose of this society, which was founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, is to promote scholastic achievement among freshmen. The society is also concerned with encouraging development of physical strength and health, discipline of mind, and quality of character. A grade point average of 3.5 or better during one of the two semesters is required for membership.

Miss Smith graduated from Smiths Station High School. At Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina, she is a pre-law major.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith of Smiths, AL. Her mother is the former Janice Windham of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Windham of Elba, AL.



Jennifer Leigh Smith

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Easter Baskets will also be available on Saturday, April 6, at Aunt B's Bed & Breakfast.



## LOOK

**What's coming up THURSDAY, APRIL 4!**

### Covington Electric Cooperative

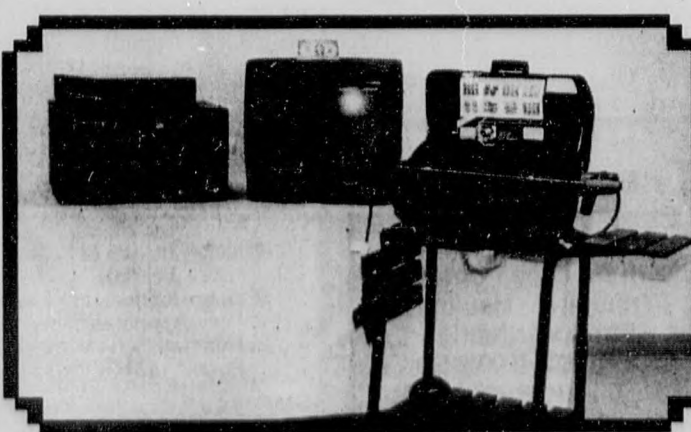
**Annual Membership Meeting ANDALUSIA KIWANIS FAIR BUILDING**

**Registration starts at 3 P.M. • Entertainment starts at 5 P.M. Business Session starts at 7 P.M.**

**YOU are invited to come and to enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment.**



Pictured above are THE INSPIRATIONS, a Southern-mountain style gospel-music group who will entertain at the CEC 1996 membership meeting.



**... And what a selection of attendance prizes! Look what's coming up!**



Co-op employee Susie Adams shows the 1990 Dodge Caravan SE to be given away as the top prize at the 1996 membership meeting of Covington Electric Cooperative on April 4.

**and there's more!**

In addition to the major prizes, about 30 smaller electric appliances and gifts will be awarded. The drawing for prizes will be held after the business session. Members must be present to win any of the six major prizes, but do not have to be present to win the other prizes.

**FREE LIGHT BULB and other useful gifts to each CEC member registering.**

**Make plans now to come. Bring the whole family. Seating will be limited. So bring your lawn chairs!**

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